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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN of GILSUM,

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1881.

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR 1880

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, your committee submit the following report :

Raised by town tax for school purposes,	\$800 00
Literary fund,	36 41
Dog tax,	26 00
Interest on school fund,	20 00
	<hr/> \$882 41

This amount was divided as follows—\$614.00 and dog tax equally among the several districts, and the balance according to valuation, making the amount for each district and the amount for each scholar as follows :

	Whole Amount.	For Each Scholar.
District No. 1,	\$123 04	6 83
“ “ 2,	190 29	4 32
“ “ 3,	113 34	22 67
“ “ 4,	114 04	8 14
“ “ 5,	103 29	6 07
“ “ 6,	102 57	25 64
“ “ 7,	135 84	4 00

TABLE I.

No. of District.	Terms.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Length of School in Weeks	Teachers' Wages per month includ- ing Board.	Visits by Supt'g Committee.	Visits by Prud. Committee.	Per cent of at- tendance.
I.	Summer.	Helen F. Haskell,	10	\$21.00	2	0	93
	Winter.	" "	11	26.00	2	1	93
II.	Summer.	Mabel E. May,	9	29.00	3	3	88
	Fall.	Emily D. Adams,	7	29.00	1	1	91
	Winter.	Marcella I. Dart,	6 3-5	29.00	2	2	87
	Summer.	M. Luella Gunn,	9	18.00	2	2	100
III.	Fall.	" "	6	18.00	0	0	100
	Winter.	" "	9	18.40	1	2	100
IV.	Summer.	Mabel H. Farrar,	8	19.00	2	1	95
	Winter.	Alice C. Taggart.	12	23.00	2	2	96
	Summer.	Nellie U. Burpee,	10	20.00	2	3	99
V.	Fall.	" "	6	22.33	0	2	95
	Winter.	" "	4	24.00	2	1	94
VI.	Summer.	Alice E. Wilder,	8	18.00	2	0	97
	Fall.	" "	15	18.00	3	0	90
	Summer.	Mary A. Burpee,	7 4-5	21.00	2	3	93
VII.	Fall.	" "	5	25.00	2	1	93
	Winter.	" "	8	26.00	2	0	86

DISTRICT REPORT.

DIST. No. 1. The school in this district was taught ten weeks in Summer and eleven in Winter, by Miss HELEN F. HASKELL of Keene. It was impossible to judge very accurately of the success of the Summer term from the examination, simply because the day was so hot and sultry that it was impossible for teacher or scholars to do their best. Nevertheless, so far as we could judge, the term had been satisfactory in its results. At the close of the Winter term the school appeared very well. Especially was this the case with the writing, a branch too much neglected in many of our schools. We would also commend to other teachers the practice of Miss HASKELL, in devoting some portion of each day to general exercises, such as miscellaneous questions in geography, history and arithmetic.

DIST. No. 2. The Summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss MABEL E. MAY of Dublin. For the amount of pay received and the amount of work done, as well as the actual results accomplished, no Summer school was more satisfactory than this.

The Fall term of seven weeks was taught by Mrs. EMILY D. ADAMS. Owing to the illness of the teacher, there was no examination at its close. The Winter term of six and three-fifths weeks, was also begun by Mrs. ADAMS, but ill health again obliged her to relinquish her task, and the term was completed by Miss MARCELLA T. DART of Keene. We re-

gard it as a serious misfortune to the district that Mrs. ADAMS was not able to finish her own work ; not because her successor was not faithful and able, but because a change of teachers in the midst of a term, unless from a really poor to a very good one, is always to be deplored. We do not see, however, with a school as large as this and teachers who are enthusiastic and faithful, why such instances of failure as Miss GUNN's last year and Mrs. ADAMS' this, are not liable to occur at any time. It seems proper also to add here, that Miss MAY relinquished the school at almost the last moment, assigning as a reason, the difficulty of the work and the small amount of pay.

DIST. No. 3. The Summer, Fall and Winter terms of nine, six and nine weeks, respectively, were taught by Miss M. LUELLA GUNN. We could not ~~well~~ visit this school, either at the beginning or the close of the Fall term ; but our visits during the Summer and Winter served to satisfy us that the whole year was a very profitable one to the scholars of this district. Miss GUNN possesses those natural qualifications for a teacher, without which the most complete success cannot be obtained. Among the most commendable features of the school were the diligence and faithful attendance of the scholars ; for steady solid work from the first day of the Summer term to the last day of the Winter term, and, consequently, for the amount of knowledge attained, this school was fully equal to any in town ; while in the matter of attendance, we doubt if any school in the County, or even in the State, can equal it. Not a scholar during the whole twenty-four weeks was either absent or tardy.

DIST. No. 4. The Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss MABEL H. FARRAR of Sullivan. The teacher was well qualified for her work, and the work was satisfactory.

The Winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss ALICE C. TAGGART of Brookline. Miss TAGGART is a fine teacher, and no single term in any district in town during the entire year showed better results than this. There was a larger proportion of advanced pupils in this school than in

any other, which goes far to account for the results spoken of; and yet these results could not have been secured without a first-class teacher.

DIST. No. 5. The Summer term of ten weeks, the Fall term of six and the Winter term of four, were all taught by Miss NELLIE U. BURPEE of Sullivan, who proved herself the right teacher in the right place. Miss BURPEE is a good scholar and a good teacher, and while visiting her school we felt that the pupils had that feeling of cordial respect and good will for their teacher which makes her task both pleasant and profitable. We believe that both teacher and pupils will look back with pleasure and satisfaction on their work for 1880.

DIST. No. 6. The Summer term of eight weeks and the Fall term of fifteen were both taught by Miss ALICE E. WILDER. This was her first experience as a teacher, and as such was sufficiently satisfactory. It is not possible, however, to excite any great amount of enthusiasm in a school of four scholars. We should rather use a part of the school money in carrying the scholars to No. 4 or No. 1, and use the rest in lengthening out these schools. The laws of the State make provision for such an arrangement, and it would be, we think, to the advantage of both districts. Reckoning the *actual attendance* at this school, each scholar cost the town over \$28.

DIST. No. 7. The school in this district was taught the entire year of nearly twenty-one weeks, by Miss MARY A. BURPEE of Sullivan. While there were schools in town in which more work was done during the year than in this, yet the relations between teacher and scholar seemed to be that of mutual good will, and the examinations showed progress in study. This was especially true of the one at the close of the Fall term, which was largely attended by the parents and citizens of the district.

In reviewing the several district reports and making a general summing up, we cannot but regard the work done and ends accomplished, without a good degree of satisfaction. It would be an easy task to find fault, but perhaps not as easy

to say how these faults could be remedied. Whispering, which has been characterized by a prominent educator as "the floodgate of all disorder," we have never seen less of; while other evils have scarce come to our notice at all. Indeed, the harmony and good will existing between teachers and scholars, the absence of disorder, the punctual attendance and the faithful study, all combined, rendered our schools generally pleasant and profitable.

Still, there is abundant room for improvement. The average scholarship of our teachers ought to be, at least, one-fourth, and probably one-third higher than it is. If we would have such teachers we must offer them corresponding wages. At present, we pay more per month for those who manufacture our clothing than for those to whom we entrust the education of our sons and daughters. Fellow townsmen, this ought not so to be.

Another very great advantage indeed, would be, such a grouping of the scholars in schools as would secure a sufficient number in any one school to render that school lively and interesting; and *not* so many nor of so different qualifications but that each scholar shall receive as much attention as his best interest demands. Of course, such a thing in this town would be practically impossible; but I believe a great advantage might be gained even here, by the adoption of what is known as the Town System, in place of the District System. This system has been widely, and I believe almost universally adopted in Massachusetts; and, so far as I know, no town that has ever once adopted it has gone back to the District System. It is, in effect, making the whole town one district; and then using the present school-houses or building new ones as they see fit. It has many advantages, which the limits of this report will not allow me to mention; but I believe it would save us \$75 a year at the outset, and be the best and most practical introduction to a school of higher grade than we now possess.

One word in relation to the High School, which has been under consideration in at least two town meetings during the

year which has just passed. Seven out of the ten different teachers employed in our public schools during the year were from out of town. The wages of these seven teachers (with the exception of what they paid for board), amounting in all to \$564, were taken with them out of town. Three only of our Gilsum teachers, so far as I know, taught out of town to offset these seven. If these three received equal wages proportionally, and two-fifths of the balance were paid for board, enough school money went out of Gilsum last year for two good terms of High School. Is it not better to furnish the means to educate our own teachers at home ?

W. B. ADAMS,
Superintending School Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN OF GILSUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1881.

INVOICE OF TOWN. APRIL 1, 1880.

176 polls,	\$ 17,600 00
9,415 acres real estate.	166,351 00
142 horses,	8,417 00
92 oxen,	4,960 00
174 cows.	3,986 00
139 neat stock.	2,441 00
411 sheep.	1,333 00
Stock in banks.	7,000 00
23 carriages.	1,554 00
Stock in trade,	30,474 00
Money at interest,	13,644 00
Factories and machinery,	10,200 00
Mills, etc.,	4,925 00
Money in trust,	125 00
Stock in public funds.	5,100 00
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	\$278,110 00

APPROPRIATIONS

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, IN MARCH, 1880, WITH ASSESSMENTS
REQUIRED BY LAW.

State tax,	\$696 00
County tax,	457 81
Town raised for support of schools,	800 00
“ “ “ highways,	200 00
“ “ “ town history,	50 00
School-house tax in Dist. No. 4, with percentage,	15 68
Tax assessed on 33 dogs,	34 00
Non-resident highway tax,	46 25
Overlay and fractions lost in making taxes,	24 48
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Amount committed to G. W. Newman, collector.	\$2,324 22
Rate of taxation on \$100, 85 cents.	
Town raised \$800 in labor to repair highways.	

SCHOOL MONEY AND DIVISION TO DISTRICTS.

Raised by vote of town.	\$800 00
Literary fund in treasury, \$45 51, less one-fifth=\$9 10, (which may be expended by the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee, for school apparatus, by law approved July 19, 1879,)	36 41
Interest on school fund,	20 00
Tax collected on dogs in 1879,	26 00
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	\$882 41

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY, SAME AS 1879.

By valuation raised by town,	\$186 00	
“ literary fund,	36 41	
“ interest on school fund,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 41
Equally by Dist., raised by town,	614 00	
“ “ tax on dogs, 1879,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$640 00
		<hr/> \$882 41

District.	Reduced Valuation.	By Valuation	By Valuation Equally by Districts	Total to each District.
No. 1,	\$170 19	\$31 61	\$91 43	\$123 04
“ 2,	532 28	98 87	91 42	190 29
“ 3,	117 94	21 91	91 43	113 34
“ 4,	121 70	22 61	91 41	114 04
“ 5,	63 80	11 86	91 43	103 29
“ 6,	59 99	11 14	91 43	102 57
“ 7,	239 10	44 41	91 43	135 84
	<hr/> \$1,305 00	<hr/> \$242 41	<hr/> \$640 00	<hr/> \$882 41

ORDERS ISSUED.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Frederick S. Smith, District No. 1,	\$123 04
Herbert E. Adams, " " 2,	190 29
Elisha W. Gunn, " " 3,	113 34
Milton Stearns, " " 4,	114 04
Delbert B. Nash, " " 5,	103 29
William L. Isham, " " 6,	102 57
Benjamin E. Guillow, " " 7,	135 84

\$882 41

Reported March 1, 1880, due District No. 5,

money not expended,

\$24 06

Paid Delbert B. Nash, committee,

7 95

\$16 11

TOWN OFFICERS.

Daniel Smith, auditor, 1879,	\$1 00
John S. Collins, " "	1 00
Lucius R. Guillow, selectman, 1879,	56 87
Elmer D. Banks, " "	31 50
Oscar J. Willson, " "	31 50
Benjamin H. Horton, town clerk, 1879,	15 00
A. D. Hammond, town treasurer, "	15 00
Herbert E. Adams, Superintending School Committee, 1879,	26 60
George W. Newman, collector,	19 50

Oscar J. Willson, agt. on Wm. A. Wilder's road case,	\$4 00
Daniel Smith, " " "	3 00
Daniel Smith, agent on road to cemetery near C. W. Rawson,	4 00
Thomas T. Clark's estate, " "	
Rawson,	4 00
William A. Wilder, " "	
Rawson,	10 00
Daniel W. Bill, supervisor, ending March 9, 1880,	3 00
John S. Collins, " " Nov. 2, "	3 00
Allen Hayward, " " " " "	10 50
George B. Rawson, " " " " "	12 30
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	\$251 77

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Horace W. Howard for support of Mrs. James Davis from April 6th to Decem- ber 28th, 1880,—thirty-eight weeks at \$1 00 =	\$38 00
Received of County, October 20, 1880,	\$28 00
Due from County, February 26, 1881,	10 00
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	\$38 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John C. Guillow for lumber and work on bridge near Collins' factory,	\$4 00
George W. Taylor for lumber and building bridge on the road to the Barrett place,	13 12
S. C. Gates, work on road,	10 01
Jehial White, " " "	4 72
Elbridge Smith, " " "	15 29
George Bates, " " " and lumber,	4 00
Wm. L. Isham, " " " " "	21 37
Mason Guillow, " " " "	8 55
George Bates, " " " "	2 25

Paid C. W. Rawson, work on road,	\$6 93
Fred S. Smith, " " "	1 25
Frank Knight, " " "	1 00
Ed. Loiselle, " " "	1 00
Darius Porter, " " "	8 48
A. J. Howard & Co., lumber for bridges,	4 58
William B. Adams " " "	10 20
John J. Isham, work on road, and lumber,	2 60
A. D. Hammond, spikes for railing,	3 15
B. J. Mullens, repairing road scraper etc.,	1 80
E. D. Banks, work on bridges,	4 00
N. O. Hayward for railing on cemetery road,	28 64
" " " Keene road,	18 16
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	\$175 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Daniel Smith for working non-resident highway taxes for 1879,	\$ 16 45
George H. McCoy for going with hearse, to March 10, 1880,	9 00
E. A. Howard for sheep killed by dogs in 1879, being allowed at last annual meeting,	2 50
Thomas B. Kittridge for consultation in small- pox case of A. C. F. Laurant's children, in 1875,	5 00
A. R. Corey for digging grave for John L. Foss. (allowed at last annual meeting),	4 00
Francis T. Bates for painting dome to town hall,	5 00
F. A. Howard for surveying George Wright's road,	75
John E. Bridge for working non-resident highway tax,	18 12
Mason Guillow " " " "	
tax,	5 12
State treasurer, State tax for 1880,	696 00

Paid County treasurer, County tax for 1880,	\$457 81
Deposited in Keene Five Cent Savings Bank,	
March 12, 1880,	400 00
George H. McCoy, janitor to town hall, ending	
April 1, 1880,	1 60
George B. Alexander, abatement of tax,	1 00
J. D. Colony & Sons for printing town reports for	
March 1, 1880,	22 00
Sylvanus Hayward, to get views for town history,	50 00
L. W. Wilder for support of watering trough,	
(allowed at last annual meeting),	1 50
A. D. Hammond for paint used on dome to	
town hall,	2 01
A. D. Hammond for stationery,	1 75
G. H. Tilden & Co. for stationery,	2 51
S. W. Dart for supporting a watering trough two	
years, ending February 26, 1881,	6 00
George W. Newman, collector for 1879 for non-	
resident highway tax receipts, omitted in settle-	
ment, March 1, 1880,	7 44
George W. Newman for collecting taxes of 1880,	24 00
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	\$1,739 56

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS ISSUED.

Paid to school districts,	\$ 890 36
school-house tax, district No. 4,	15 00
town officers,	251 77
County paupers,	38 00
roads and bridges,	175 10
miscellaneous,	1,739 56
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	\$3,109 79

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Levi Mansfield, damage to five sheep by dogs,	
May 30, 1880,	20 00
F. A. Bolster, damage to two sheep by dogs, May	
30, 1880,	10 00
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	\$30 00

To be cancelled by the taxes on dogs that is remaining in the treasury, April 1, 1881.

Amount of taxes committed to George W. Newman	
for collection,	\$2,324 22
Interest collected on taxes, February 26, 1881,	5 89
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	\$2,330 11

Amount paid into treasury by collector,	
February 26, 1881,	\$2,167 54
Taxes abated,	6 85
Non-resident highway tax receipts,	14 80
Taxes due, February 26, 1881,	140 92
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	\$2,330 11

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

March	1, 1880,	Money in treasury,	\$647 22
April	9, 1880,	Received of the selectmen, money collected of the County for aid fur- nished J. S. Bingham's family, to date,	9 36
		also, Charlie A. Seward,	24 00
		also, Elisha Nash,	3 50
		also, John L. Foss,	2 00
July	2, 1880,	Received of S. W. Dart, collector for 1877,	5 63
Nov.	1, 1880,	Received of selectmen, money col- lected of County for support of Mrs. James Davis from April 6 to October 19, 1880,	28 00
Jan.	17, 1881,	Received of State treasurer by D. W. Bill, selectman, bounty paid by select- men on wild animals, in 1879,	4 30
		Received of State treasurer by D. W. Bill, selectman, the Savings Bank tax for 1880,	938 34
		Received of State treasurer by D. W. Bill, selectman, the literary fund for 1880,	49 95

Feb. 16, 1881, Received of L. W. F. Mark, town clerk, for sale of books,	\$1 00
Received of S. W. Dart, collector, 1878,	43 30
Received of G. W. Newman, collector for 1879,	165 99
Received of G. W. Newman, collector, dog tax, assessed in 1879,	3 00
Received of G. W. Newman, collector for 1880,	2,143 54
Received of G. W. Newman, collector on dog tax, assessed in 1880,	24 00
Whole amount received,	<u>\$4,093 13</u>
Paid out by orders of selectmen, in 1880 and 1881,	<u>3,109 79</u>
Leaving balance in treasury and Savings Bank of	\$ 983 34
G. W. NEWMAN, Treasurer.	

LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1881.

Estimated amount due town officers,	\$180 00
Due school district, No. 5,	16 11
Due for damage to sheep by dogs,	27 00
Estimated cost to build an iron bridge near Collins' factory, being let for	700 00
Estimated cost to improve abutments to bridge, being let to G. W. Newman, for	200 00
Estimated cost for printing town reports, March 1, 1881,	16 00
	<u>\$1,139 11</u>

ASSETS.

Money deposited in Keene Five Cent Savings Bank,	
March 12, 1880,	\$ 400 00
Interest to March 1, 1881,	12 00
Due from County for support of County paupers,	10 00
Taxes in hands of collector for 1880, March 1, 1881,	140 92
Money in treasury, March 1, 1881,	583 34
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	\$1,046 26
Liabilities,	92 85
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	\$1,139 11

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL W. BILL,	} Selectmen
OSCAR J. WILLSON,	
BYRON J. MULLINS,	
	of
	Gilsum.

We, the undersigned auditors chosen by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, report that we have attended to that duty and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL SMITH,
JOHN S. COLLINS
By G. R. GUILLOW.



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